

MR. WINCHESTER BRITTON

Why the Ballot-Box Stuffers have not been Punished—A Stormy Meeting in the Brooklyn Academy—The District Attorney's Exercise of his Discretion.

The Citizens Reform Association of Brooklyn, known as the Committee of One Hundred, met in the Academy of Music in this city last evening. The principal object of the meeting was to receive the report of the committee which had been investigating certain charges of alleged official misconduct by District Attorney Winchester Britton. Mr. Bennett, the chairman of the committee reported that they had thoroughly examined the facts on which those charges was based, and had heard the state-

The charges related to the neglect of the District Attorney to prosecute certain ballot-box stuffing cases were also discussed. The most important of the cases in which a conviction could be obtained had been tried by his predecessor, Judge Morris. He had further said that Judge Morris and his assistant, Col. A. C. Davis, had so in fact informed him. He had, however, tried one case in which he thought he might succeed in getting a conviction. He had, however, failed for the prosecution told stories very different from those that they had told before the Commission. He had, however, been told that the prisoner was acquitted. A careful examination of the case, examining cases involved him that in one of them only, he obtained a verdict of guilty, and he therefore determined not to try the case. He had, however, been told that the case would be better served by not trying them than by trying them and failing to convict.

THIS QUESTION OF MORTIMER.

While the committee was in a position that District Attorney Britton had acted wrong

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Mr. Bennett replied that Mr. Britton had addressed the committee. Col. Davis in a very dignified manner told him that Mr. Britton had said so, he had said what he knew to be false. He stated that he was not at all surprised that he persisted for some time, and would doubtless have been kept up all night had it not been interrupted by the arrival of the morning. Mr. Bennett asked Davis could not find fault with the report made by the committee had said nothing about him as being a witness but only as being present. Mr. Davis answered as the counsel of the Committee of Seventy-five, and as the assistant to ex-District Attorney Johnson in the trial of the late John Brown cases. These allegations were necessary, as they were contained in District Attorney Britton's report. He understood that Mr. Davis had given his advice to him as the principal reason for his neglect to prosecute these offenders. That was true. They simply gave his statement for what it was worth.

DEMAN BARNES SPEAKS.

Mr. Demas Barnes did not agree with Colonel Johnston. He thought that the allegations made in the report to the action of Col. Davis were entirely untrue and made no sense. He spoke in the language in which they were clothed full of

This motion was carried by a very decided vote.

Mr. Neesham then moved that the report be laid upon the table, and that the Law Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

This motion was carried, and the committee proceeded with their regular business.

EXCITEMENT IN TRENTON.

The New York and Philadelphia Railroad Bill Progressing in the Senate.

TRENTON, March 3.—In the Senate to night Mr. Hopkins of Gloucester, from the Committee on Railroads, reported the Philadelphia and New York bill as unaccompanied by proof of publication. Proof was shortly secured from the House, presented by Senator Williams, and the bill was called for by Mr. Hewitt of Mercer and was read through without note or amendment.

At the close Mr. McPherson of Hudson pro-

posed another section providing that the corporations of this road pay all the debts of the old National Railway. He offered an amendment with regard to street cars in New York City, but on examination the provision was found to be already in the bill, and McPherson withdrew.

The bill was about to be read the third time when McPherson objected.

McPherson then related his own history as conversion as a champion of the National, but said that the interests of the National would be cared for by the friends of McPherson in New York.

The amendment was lost by a decided vote.

McPherson then formally withdrew, and great exultation is felt that the bill passed just as came from the House.

At 12 o'clock the House in the House to adjourn, and go to Washington at midnight, but it failed to adjourn until 12:30.

JOHN SPAN.

England Refusing to Recognize the Spanish Republic.

LONDON, March 6.—The House of Commons at this evening's second debate Under Secretary for Foreign Department, answering an inquiry from Mr. Whitwell, stated that it was the unanimous opinion of the House that the Government of England refused to recognize the Spanish Republic.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

J. M. Hill's wool pulling establishment Watson, Mass. Loss \$500. Insurance \$100.

The wooden ware manufactory of the Union Manufacturing Company in Toledo, Ohio. Loss \$25,000. Insurance \$10,000.

CURIOSITIES OF CRIME.

John F. Marshall, a bullfinch, of Keenansville, Ind., was struck by some unknown person on Saturday night while sitting on a fence in the yard of his home in Carthage, N. Y., on Saturday night, October 10. Crows and other birds were attracted to the bird, and the curious incident was witnessed by a number of persons in the neighborhood. The bird was found dead in the yard, and the person who shot it was never discovered. The bird was found dead in the yard, and the person who shot it was never discovered.

In Illinois, the depot agent at Burnside, Conn., was robbed and slain by three thieves and John Dwyne, about ten days ago, and yesterday. His assassin was a woman, and she was found dead in the yard of her home yesterday. The woman was found dead in the yard of her home yesterday.

The Fifth annual meeting of Sorosis was held last evening in Deane's hall.

Bro. Harte will lecture this evening in St. Mary hall and in the New York City Y. M. C. A. hall.

The Maine Association in New York will on their first annual dinner in Apollo Hall to-morrow evening.

The Chapin House for the Aged and Infirmed sixty-six street, near Lexington avenue, was dedicated last evening.

William Stevens, of 654 East Sixteenth street, was injured last evening by the explosion of a boiler. It is reported that he fell from his singe and was severely injured. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

At a meeting of the committee to select an Assessor and Appraiser of the Eighth Division in the United States (prisoners) held last evening at the New York Y. M. C. A. hall, it was reported that they were to be held in the city of New York.